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was an uncomfortably sharp chin. However, she did not like to be rude: so she bore it as well as she could.

"The game's going on rather better now," she said, by way of keeping up the conversation a little.

"'Tis so," said the Duchess: "and the moral of that is—'Oh, 'tis love, 'tis love, that makes the world go round!'"

"Somebody said," Alice whispered, "that it's done by everybody minding their own business!"

"Ah, well! It means much the same thing," said the Duchess, digging her sharp little chin into Alice's shoulder as she added "and the moral of that is—'Take care of the sense, and the sounds will take care of themselves.'" "

"How fond she is of finding morals in things!" Alice thought to herself.

"I dare say you're wondering why I don't put my arm round your waist," the Duchess said, after a pause: "the reason is, that I'm doubtful about the temper of your flamingo. Shall I try the experiment?"

"He might bite," Alice cautiously replied, not feeling at all anxious to have the experiment tried.

"Very true," said the Duchess: "flamingoes and

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mustard both bite. And

'Birds of a feather flock together'

"Only mustard isn't a bird."

"Right, as usual," said

clear way you have of putting

"It's a mineral, I think."

"Of course it is," said

seemed ready to agree to

said: "there's a large number

And the moral of that

of mine, the less there is

"Oh, I know!" exclaimed

attended to this last remark

It doesn't look like one,

"I quite agree with you

"and the moral of that

seem to be?—or, if you

ply—"Never imagine you

than what it might appear

you were or might have

than what you had been

them to be otherwise.'" "

"I think I should understand

said very politely, "if I

I ca'n't quite follow it as